

A RESOLUTION to confer upon Walter Lambert the distinguished title of "Doctor".

WHEREAS, the estimable Walter Lambert has served that grand institution known as THE University of Tennessee with the utmost in integrity and industry as the Most Exalted Vice-President for Legislative Affairs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to performing each of his nefarious duties with pride and precision, sometimes even working past 4:30 p.m., the plural Mr. Lambert has distinguished himself in culinary matters as the official legislative gourmet and oeneologist, never failing in his amazing ability to discern the distinctive bouquet of any given wine, after only imbibing seven or eight glasses thereof (although far less libation is needed to loosen Mr. Lambert's tongue); not to mention his unfailing ability to distinguish among types of vinegar used in one of his favorite dining hang-outs, the world-renowned "fishbowl"; and

WHEREAS, Squire Lambert's seemingly endless supply of self-amusing stories and anecdotes of questionable origin have earned this noble gentleman a self-anointed reputation as a raconteur of the first, second and third order; and

WHEREAS, Walter Lambert has always performed the many and varied duties of his majestic office with a quiet, yet assured, dignity worthy of the most erudite scholars of higher learning, as well as having a beard of truly professional quality, and it is thus most appropriate that he should latch onto the honorific "Doctor" before the jig is up; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That in recognition of his outstanding service and unwavering loyalty to THE University of Tennessee and to the members of this body, the Honorable Walter Lambert is hereby awarded the honorific

title of "Doctor", which is authorized to use blatantly and redundantly in all dealings with academic colleagues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That "Doctor" Lambert shall hence forth be authorized to exercise and enjoy the numerous privileges and perquisites that this august title confers, including a five percent discount at participating official retailers, void where prohibited by law.

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